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Ugrad Stu, portrait of a spammer

Tim Weilert
Undercover reporter

When Ugradinzski Stumochavzcky came to Mines from Eastern Europe he had hopes of graduating with a degree in computer science. However, due to a glitch at the registrar's office he has been unable to graduate for the last 10 years. However, due to the same computer bug, Ugrad was given unadulterated access to campus email lists and school computers.

"At first we thought it was cute," said MCS Department-head Adam Up, "but then we realized that a serious error had been made." Initially Ugrad was well intentioned, emailing undergraduates to warn them about the dangers of snow storms and to remind them to pay their parking permit fees, but then things got out of hand.

According to an unnamed Student Activities employee (we'll call him Merk Drogan), "When Ugrad joined every single club on campus, we couldn't control him anymore." Soon after that fateful day, everyone on campus, regardless of their prior commitments and spam-filtered email, began receiving notices for any and every event taking place.

AC&N first noticed the problem when updating the email servers several years ago. "At the time we thought it wasn't a big problem, but now it's gotten to the point where we can't even upgrade the system!" said network administrator E.T. Hernet. According to Hernet, if Ugrad continues his unadulterated emailing, a rip may develop in the time-space continuum, the resulting shockwave would undoubtedly destroy the newly built Einstein Bros. Bagels.

On the positive side, the resulting shockwave would finally demolish the Hall of Justice, which workers have been unable to knock down so far. The HOJ, according to legitimate sources, is infested with slimy ghosts… who are we gonna call? GHOSTBUSTERS! [do do do do do do, duh nuh nuh nuh nuh nuh!]

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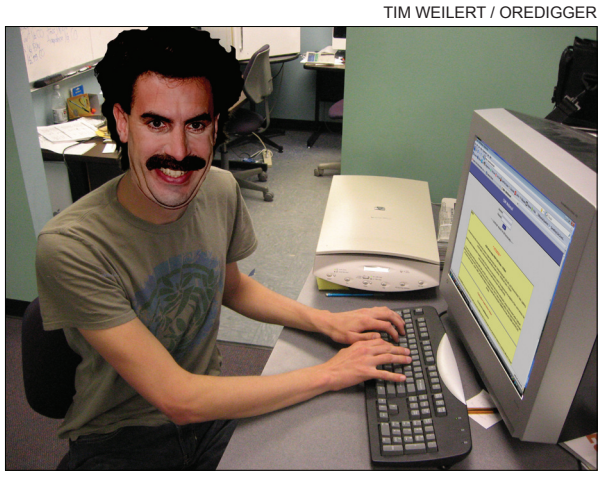

Secret photo of Ugrad Stu working on his dastardly plan.

Student pays attention for an entire class

Previously impossible feat now achieved

Benjamin M. Weilert
(Asleep at the wheel)

It happened this last week. A student at the Colorado School of Mines paid attention to a professor for an entire class period. Matthew Gross, a sophomore in Mathematics, managed to stay awake for a full two hours and 50 minutes. The course, Advanced Elementary Studies of Theoretical Applications in the field of Euclidian Geometry, is a three credit hour course that meets every Wednesday evening for three hours.

The epic scale of Matthew's achievement lies in the evaluation of the professor of the course, a Dr. Victor Calk Ulus. Students who have taken classes from Dr. Ulus in the past have described him as dull, monotonous, quiet, and old. Dr. Ulus tends to teach by using Power Point slides in a dark room, which is why most of his students will buy the slightly more expensive "pillow edition" of the textbook to rest their heads on while in his class.

When asked about Matthew's achievement of staying awake in his class, Dr. Ulus replied, "I'm not quite sure how he did it. First of all, the textbook is one of those thick, "black cover" books that have no pictures and no numbers. In fact, there are no answers in the back of the book either, just more symbols. Secondly, this class has no prerequisites and isn't needed for any higher level course, so no one really needs to pay attention. Lastly, I can't even stay awake for the entirety of my class. I usually start dozing off and stand there until the bell wakes me up and I let everyone leave."

Of course, with any large scale success such as this, allegations of performance enhancing supplements began to arise. Matthew's fellow classmates have requested that he be tested for Ritalin, caffeine, speed and those glasses with open eyeballs painted on them. After being subjected to the required tests, the results showed that he was clean, with a slightly elevated blood alcohol level being his only detrimental mark.

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When asked how he managed to pay attention for the entire period, even to the point of taking a modicum of notes, Matthew's response was simple, "I found a spot in one of those half-levels in the library where no one ever goes. That's where I do most of my power napping. 15 minutes of sleep and I can stay awake for hours." This was truly an amazing story for an extraordinary accomplishment. Matthew continued, "Oh yeah, I've also been in a coma for 20 years, so I've had enough sleep for a while."

Sesame Street Pulls Sponsorship of letter G

Mike Stone
Child at Heart

In this bad economy, nothing is surprising. AIG executives get bonuses after being bailed out, people are losing jobs, houses, and cars daily, and the Obama family is holding off on getting a new dog. The economy just can't get any worse. So, in these troubling times, it has inevitably come down to beloved children's show, Sesame Street, dropping sponsorship of the letter G.

"Today's show is brought to you by the letter 'G,'" was last heard on air two years ago before Sesame Street executives decided to cut budgets. German Executive Producer, Kermit Ze Frohg, announced in a press conference last week that, "Sesame Street is undergoing changes just like the rest of us. The letter 'G' had the highest pay and the lowest grossing numbers. It was an economically poor decision to continue sponsoring it." When asked about further cuts, Frohg assured, "We dropped <u>just</u> 'G' for now, but if things continue this way, we might be looking at dropping 'O', 'M', 'Y', and even 'Q'."

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An actor on Sesame Street, Big-Bird's manager released a statement saying, "It is sad to see the letter 'G' go. Big-Bird has had some very wonderful experiences with 'G' as well as 'g' and he will miss them dearly. This also means that Big-Bird will now be known as Bi-Bird. As to whether this will change the content of the show, it has not yet been discussed."

Not all the actors on the show were sad to see 'G' go. "Ood riddance," said Oscar the Groutch, "Now, I will be known as 'Oscar the Routch,' which is closer to 'Ouch' and described what I try to inflict upon children. When they see me, they should be thinking pain. That and if the economy continues this way, we'll all be living in trash cans."

Life partners and roommates Bert and Ernie gave a joint press conference saying, "Oscar doesn't know the pain of counting a letter out. Now we only have 25 letters, and quite frankly, I'm peeved."

Sesame street is on weekdays at 8 AM.

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Elmo - The Justin Timberlake of Sesame Street, front man Elmo poses for a picture at one of his many projects.

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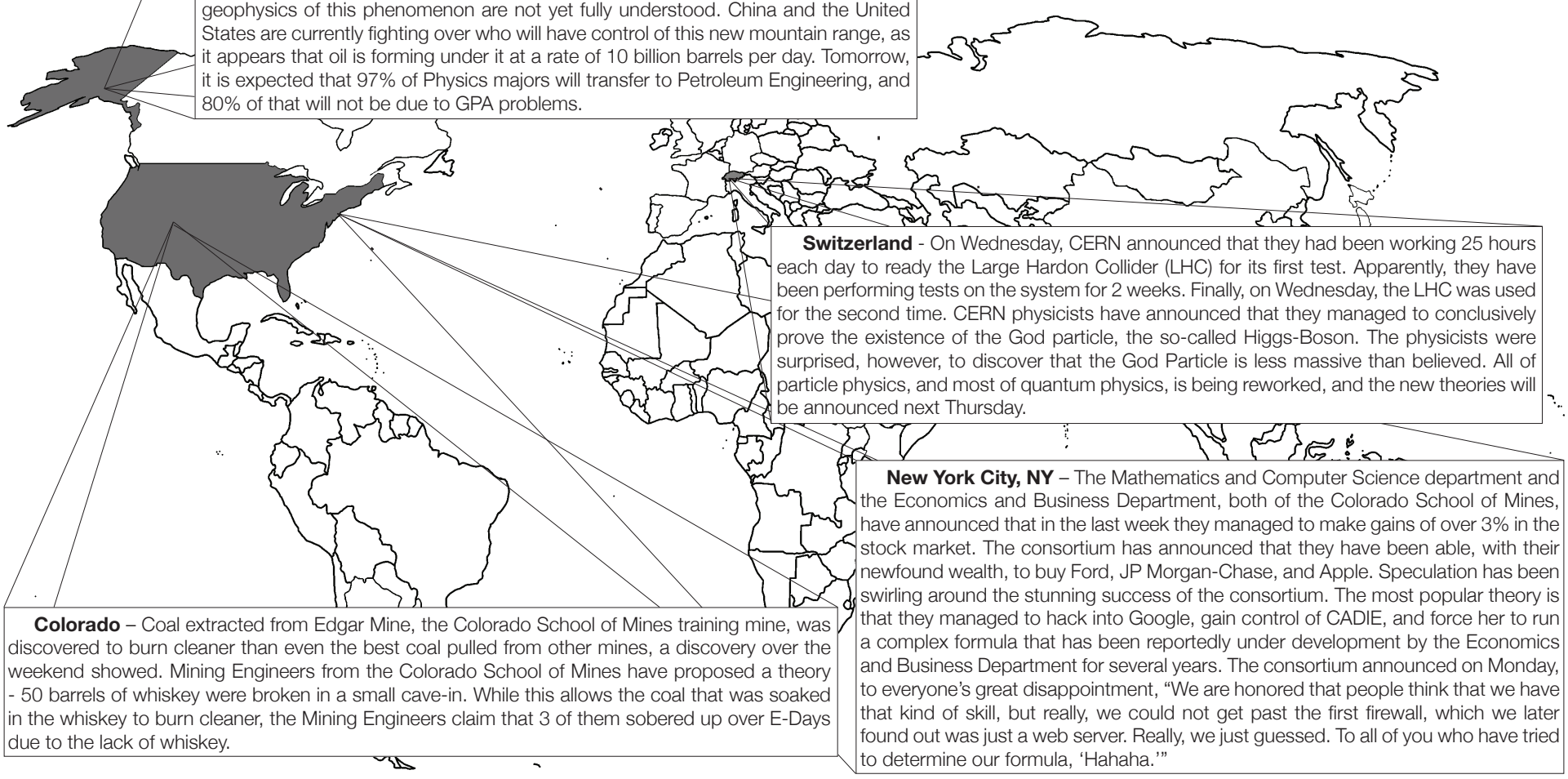
Scientific discoveries this week

Ryan Browne, Basket Case



Alaska - Geologists studying the Mount Redoubt eruptions have discovered a phenomenon that has startling implications for Asia. It appears that the Pacific plate is accelerating away from the North American Plate at an alarming rate. However, the Pacific plate does not appear to be impacting the Eurasian plate at the same rate. It appears that a new mountain range is growing in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. The geophysics of this phenomenon are not yet fully understood. China and the United States are currently fighting over who will have control of this new mountain range, as it appears that oil is forming under it at a rate of 10 billion barrels per day. Tomorrow, it is expected that 97% of Physics majors will transfer to Petroleum Engineering, and 80% of that will not be due to GPA problems.

Switzerland - On Wednesday, CERN announced that they had been working 25 hours each day to ready the Large Hardon Collider (LHC) for its first test. Apparently, they have been performing tests on the system for 2 weeks. Finally, on Wednesday, the LHC was used for the second time. CERN physicists have announced that they managed to conclusively prove the existence of the God particle, the so-called Higgs-Boson. The physicists were surprised, however, to discover that the God Particle is less massive than believed. All of particle physics, and most of quantum physics, is being reworked, and the new theories will be announced next Thursday.

New York City, NY – The Mathematics and Computer Science department and the Economics and Business Department, both of the Colorado School of Mines, have announced that in the last week they managed to make gains of over 3% in the stock market. The consortium has announced that they have been able, with their newfound wealth, to buy Ford, JP Morgan-Chase, and Apple. Speculation has been swirling around the stunning success of the consortium. The most popular theory is that they managed to hack into Google, gain control of CADIE, and force her to run a complex formula that has been reportedly under development by the Economics and Business Department for several years. The consortium announced on Monday, to everyone's great disappointment, "We are honored that people think that we have that kind of skill, but really, we could not get past the first firewall, which we later found out was just a web server. Really, we just guessed. To all of you who have tried to determine our formula, 'Hahaha.'"

Colorado – Coal extracted from Edgar Mine, the Colorado School of Mines training mine, was discovered to burn cleaner than even the best coal pulled from other mines, a discovery over the weekend showed. Mining Engineers from the Colorado School of Mines have proposed a theory - 50 barrels of whiskey were broken in a small cave-in. While this allows the coal that was soaked in the whiskey to burn cleaner, the Mining Engineers claim that 3 of them sobered up over E-Days due to the lack of whiskey.

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Neelha Mudigonda
Where the $#&!@ are my writers?

David Frossard
The Puppet Master

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Headlines from around the world

The only guy paying attention

Nobody seems to care about **Paris Hilton** any more, E! News reports. It is possible that this is because the average American is becoming smarter, though researchers find this unlikely. Furthermore, no one seems to care what E! News says.

North Korea has released newly revised history books claiming, among other things, that Dear Leader Kim Jong Il started and won World War II, is directly responsible for gravity, can divide by zero, and can defeat Chuck Norris in hand-to-hand combat.

Following the controversy caused by his statement that "white people with blue eyes" are responsible for the current financial crisis, **Brazilian president Lula da Silva** has clarified his statement by suggesting that white people with brown eyes deserve some of the blame as well.

In a little-known clause of the Cutler trade, **Kyle Orton** will be introduced in all future starts as "Rex Grossman's backup." Coach Josh McDaniels believes that this will accurately represent exactly what just happened.

Producers of ***Fast and Furious*** recently admitted that the new movie contains only 40% new footage. When asked why the movie wasn't completely refilmed, producers responded by saying "it was easier this way."

Only 5% of Americans claim to truly understand the cause of the **financial crisis**. This same 5% variously identified the cause as illegal immigrants, Chinese infiltration, the Black Plague, supporters of Scottish independence, and NBC's short-lived sitcom *Joey*.

According to **Saturday Night Live**, "Rhode Island is neither a road nor an island. Discuss."

The **European Union** dissolved last week over disagreements regarding representation in the European Parliament. "Old European" countries have argued that economic power should be accounted for, while Eastern European countries argue that other factors like nondescript, dismal concrete buildings should be taken into account.

French students took to the streets in protest for no apparent reason last week. The strike caused many roads to shut down in the heart of Paris and is estimated to cost around $10 million in lost productivity. This sort of thing happens all the time.

A new study released by Portsmouth University discovered that **men and women** often disagree on fairly mundane subjects. This study is considered definitive because it took 20 years and cost $55 million.

In the interest of lowering costs for shoppers, **Wal-Mart** has announced that it will only use electricity during nighttime hours. Customers are encouraged to purchase flashlights for use during shopping and to check the temperature of all frozen foods before purchase.

The **internet** in Eastern Kentucky became sentient on Wednesday. Though initially hailed as a potential source of knowledge, it turns out the internet is as lazy as most of its users and primarily interested in pornography. Additionally, its stories are long and don't lead anywhere, making it a poor dinner companion.

After realizing that **test scores** in most subjects have been dropping for the past two decades, the United States federal government decided to doctor test scores for comparison to other countries'. An official from the Department of Education defended this move by saying that "all statistics are made up anyway."

President Barack Obama broke one of his fundamental campaign promises this week, when he did a full break-dancing routine on the Senate floor.

Local News

Diamond AnniversarE-Days was officially changed to IcE-Days on Saturday morning after the Cardboard Boat Race and Trebuchet Contest were both postponed due to nasty blowing snow and freezing cold.

Retaliation against the Colorado School of Mines's E-Days theme reached its second year of conflict, when the living dead were "blinged-out" with diamonds.

The death of the newspaper to more convenient news sources, such as the internet, was delayed for just a moment, when a Mines student stopped for a split-second to read a feature about a fellow student, to only realize seconds later, that it was satire about Sir Isaac Newton.

Aliens from the planet known as "Tiny speck on the distance of the universe" landed on Kafadar Commons at the Colorado School of Mines this past week. According to an alien spokesthing, the new LEDs from the M were able to break through the pollution of the Earth's atmosphere, making contact with the extra terrestrial life forms. Apparently, they come wanting soup.

Two grad students in climate studies have discovered that the winter weather this week was actually caused by Old Man Winter missing his alarm clock in late February. He is now compensating for sleeping through most of March.

Heart attack crisis worsens

Janeen Neri
Ticker Ticker

Mines officials are alarmed at a recent uptick in heart attacks in the student body. "It all began last Thursday," said campus Heart Wellness Head Gerald White, "We got our first call around 11 AM, and the cardiac arrests continued throughout the day."

This is a worrisome trend in such a young student body. Typically, the highest frequencies of heart attacks occur among those in their sixties and above and never spreads in the young like an airborne disease; as White said, "most of our calls happen a few days after the school year ends, when professors finally read their evaluations. Whether the reviews are extremely negative or extremely positive… let's just say that most of them are in that vulnerable age window."

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Typically, White deals with "one or two" of these cases each semester, as well as up to five cases each fall, when the incoming freshmen realize that they can no longer get away with sending their homebrew android simulacra to school for them.

Mid-semester cases are not generally typical. "Sure, we have a death every couple of years right before finals," said White, "but these are strapping young men and women. They may complain about being under high stress, but I can list so many ways that their lives could be more stressful – they're not at capacity, certainly."

Mines authorities are concerned not only for the well-being of the students on campus, but the bad publicity that this could generate. "We're a small school," said CSM president Will Noggen, "and while that has many benefits, it does create a problem when students start dying. If one in 3000 students experiences a school-related death that sounds quite serious if you don't know that the college only has 3000 students. Our death rate is through the roof right now."

The worst part, White adds, is that "this isn't even stress-related. We're going to scare all these [potential] students away! They'll think the school is so tough that it just cut these guys down. But that's just not true." The real reason behind the health crisis, White explained, was "the extreme excitement these students experienced upon learning that they *actually had a snow day*."

Recession ends as Obama cabinet repays back taxes

Jake Rezac
Horrified

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner expressed his belief that the U.S. economy could rebound as new data indicates that taxes not paid by Obama cabinet members, not poor risk management by banks, is the cause for the current recession.

"Standard economic theories would indicate that the current economic downturn is a result of damages caused by sub-prime lending and credit default swaps," Geithner explained at a press conference last Friday. "These practices, however, pale in comparison to the damage caused by President Obama's cabinet members."

Geithner, who failed to pay $34,000 in taxes between 2001 and 2004, explained the mindset inside the Department of the Treasury.

"When [Senator Tom] Daschle came forward about his taxes, we thought, 'Great, but we've got bigger things to worry about.' But when Governor Sebelius came forward, we realized we were on to something," explained Geithner.

The payment of back taxes, explained Geithner, amounts to the equivalent of four bank bailouts and seven auto bailouts.

"If we had discovered this earlier, we could have saved the American taxpayer trillions of dollars in bailouts," said Geithner. "It's a good thing we noticed this before we followed the advice of some economists, who suggested the mass execution of CEOs of underperforming companies."

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Senator Chuck Grassley, the Senate Finance Committee's ranking Republican described his hope for the future, based on this new data.

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Bank robbers unemployed

Most turning to desperate measures

Benjamin M. Weilert
Thieving Magpie

With the country's economy in shambles, everyone is tightening their belts in order to make ends meet. One of the hardest hit job markets has been the field of Security Examiners for Financial Institutions. These people (better known as bank robbers) are looking at unemployment rates upward of 76%.

These bank robbers rely on Financial Institutions to pay their bills by breaking into them and stealing all of the needed funds from within their vaults; however, many are finding that this no longer produces beneficial results. "It used to be that I'd get a few million from the good banks," said long time thief, Tay Kitaway, "Now I'm lucky to get $20 from the Ninth National Bank of Tallahassee."

This rash of empty banks has given way to many conspiracy theories, including ones involving better bank robbers coming in and stealing the money before the middle-class bank robbers ever get a chance to try their hand. "I'm telling you that it has to be that George Clooney guy. Didn't you see those movies where he was stealing all that money from those casinos? He's one skilled dude, and is probably getting to the vaults before I do," remarked notable bank robber, Ivana Steele.

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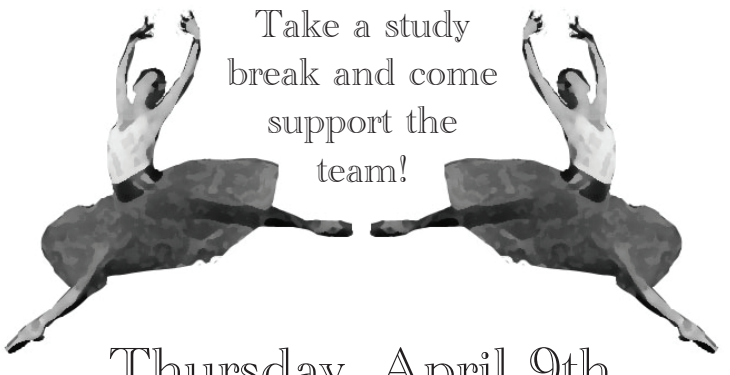
In these trying times, most bank robbers are turning to the blood donation industry. Yet many find that work unfulfilling. After a robbery of a local blood bank, one ski-masked bandit commented on his haul; "Sure, it's work, but what am I going to do with 300 gallons of blood? I can't feed my family with this! They're not vampires, you know."

Until the economy turns around, bank robbers will have to look at other jobs that are within their skill set. This has prompted many to cross over into similar industries. People who used to rob banks for a living are now finding jobs in pharmaceuticals, insurance, and televangelism.

The current trend of the government stepping in and helping out an ailing industry is exactly what needs to be done here. Bailouts to large financial institutions have given these Security Examiners some revival. "It's great! This is almost like a glorified welfare program, since the government is essentially giving me 200 billion dollars. Maybe, now I can go off of regular welfare," commented noted robber George Clooney. As of the printing of this article, Congress was not available for comment, since their phone lines had been disconnected, and all representatives were tied up in the back room, their wallets having been relieved of their weight in cash.

Mines Dance Team
Annual Recital



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The Dark side of Robert's Rules of Order

Ian Ebersole
Chief Political Analyst

In an unexpected turn of events, last Thursday's ASCSM meeting broke out into a wild and unpredictable type of conflict resolution. Spontaneously and seemingly without reason, ASCSM officers and attendees alike formed small circles and alternately ran around the perimeter, sat inside the circle, or waited apprehensively while another member of the circle walked calmly around with a mischievous grin. To the uninformed observer, it would appear that ASCSM was reliving their childhood memories through the popular game "Duck, Duck, Goose." This hypothetical, ill defined, and actually well informed observer was correct.

As trivial as the activities seemed, they were actually required by those guidelines which debaters and parliamentary groups the world round have held in high honor (although not actually read), Robert's Rules of Order. Originally published in 1876, Robert's Rules of Order by Major Henry Martyn Roberts (US Army, Ret., presumably deceased) were designed to create a uniform standard of parliamentary procedure for all types of legislative bodies, including our very own ASCSM.

"Since we've been virtually deadlocked this past semester by the various student groups campaigning for and against the plus/minus grading system and the bus pass, issues which we've got very little power over, we've had to occupy ourselves with something useful" explained ASCSM President Kevin Duffy. "So I requested that all of the student body officers take their free time and invest it into fully understanding the Rules of Order. It has made our meetings much more efficient." "Seconded, and moved to the floor" chimed in Vice President Anant Pradhan.

"Unfortunately," Duffy continued, "we also found some lesser known clauses of the Rules of Order, such as the Duck, Duck, Goose clause, or the DDG for short. It seems old Robert had a sense of humor in his later revisions of the book, once he realized nobody was actually reading it through. But we've got to follow the rules." Duffy's statement was met with a hearty round of applause and several cries of "Hear, Hear" before being drowned out by an older chap sitting in the corner with a gavel, tentatively identified as none other than President Scoggins. "They let me sit here with this awesome powdered wig and hammer, and I get to make a racket whenever I feel like it, really. I love this!" Scoggins commented.

Thursday's episode was triggered by one of the three provisions which can activate the Duck, Duck, Goose clause, when Kevin Duffy and Represenative Lisa Truong were discussing the fare at a local restaurant. Listening in carefully, Pradhan picked out the word duck being mentioned four times within a period of no more than five minutes, and quickly informed the group that the DDG clause was hereby in effect. "Normally," Pradhan explained, "the DDG is used to break deadlocks in a debate, and favors the individual who calls it into effect, as he clearly knows the Rules of Order, and his opponent is generally trying to figure out what the heck is going on. In this case, there didn't seem to be any real debate underway, besides perhaps the merit of various restaurants. But rules are rules, and they must be followed. Besides, Truong was making me hungry, so I wanted to make her run around a little bit as a form of getting even." "I would have won, too" lamented Truong, "but [Alec] Westerman cheats."

In unrelated news, Officers of ASCSM are now prohibited from eating traditional Chinese food, visiting zoos or ponds, or placing themselves in hazardous situations requiring quick evasive action to avoid thrown projectiles.

New bacteria identified on campus

Spencer Nelson
Written in Ink

Researchers are pouring in from around the country to the Colorado School of Mines campus to observe a phenomenal sight. As many as 10 people at a time will be crammed around a small block of concrete, examining closely, taking pictures, jotting down extensive notes, and standing in awe of this discovery.

The cause of all the excitement is the recent discovery of a new strain of bacteria capable of forming strange shapes in various colors along the heavily walked portions of sidewalk on campus. The remarkable discovery is the potential for conveying large scale information. Dubbed "Calcium-Heavy Agitated Lithophilic Knowledge bacteria," the strain is remarkable in its potential to carry macro-scale information in its DNA. Abbreviated as CHALK, high hopes are held in discovering uses, especially in the area of advertising student life events.

CHALK is found most commonly on the sidewalk near the Green Center and the Student Center. First discovered in the latter location, many speculated CHALK was a by-product of the mash potatoes served at Slate. However, the Green Center CHALK cultures have nearly debunked this theory. The CSM campus could very well be the only place on Earth where CHALK lives.

A curious property of CHALK is water-sensitivity. In one case, several square feet of sidewalk was covered with CHALK. However, after a rainstorm that night, the color, size, and definition of the CHALK colonies were all significantly reduced. Sunlight does not seem to affect CHALK.

CHALK seems to increase in population around the beginning of semesters and whenever large student events are held. It's like the CHALK knows. Up to four colonies of CHALK have been seen in relatively cramped quarters during peak seasons, such as E-Days. An EPICS II team is currently working on a correlation between social activity and CHALK population.

The intrigue of scientists is the molecular structure of CHALK. As is mentioned in the name, calcium makes up a significant portion of the material found in CHALK. Some researchers have speculated that CHALK may even have the same chemical makeup of chalk. However, these theories are unproven and highly theoretical.

FDA bans everything

Zachary Boerner
Foodologist

In a move following recent salmonella outbreaks, the FDA has decided to ban all food products, drugs, and, surprisingly, laundry detergents.

Head of the FDA Git Betta said in a statement, "What with all of the problems this country has been facing with foods and drugs, we have decided to ban it all, as that will prevent any future problems with diseases." McDonald's stock rose 500 points on the announcement, since they don't actually sell food.

Fielding questions after the announcement, Head of Public Relations Heath E. Bod said, "Yes, we understand the general populace is worried about this announcement, since food is a major part of both our economy and our diet, but, we feel with the new classification of 'eating pills,' which have just been released on the market, we can get through this together. Also, alcoholic beverages are exempt." Shortly thereafter, Mr. Bod was informed that the pills haven't actually been released and won't be for another 20 years, leaving alcohol as the only form of sustenance.

After that revelation, Mr. Bod appeared to be sweating profusely and began dodging questions until finally, 30 minutes after he'd been informed of the lack of an alternative to food, he resigned his post.

Shortly afterwards, Mr. Betta came back and reportedly stuck his thumbs in his ears and waggled his hands while saying, "Neener, neener, the economy ain't got nothing on us!"

Mr. Betta was then carried off by police officers and is awaiting trial. The ban will remain in effect until the Senate can confirm a new appointment to remove the ban which will likely happen sometime after the next election cycle, but public outrage may push it earlier.

Mines students are ecstatic about the announcement. "We live next to Coors and get really cheap beer, what do we have to worry about?" one student was quoted as saying. Another student said, "Hey, we don't have to cancel E-days now! We can still drink as much as we want!"

Others are not as enthusiastic. "How am I supposed to study when all I can have is beer? I'll be so inebriated I won't be able to concentrate, and then my GPA will fall below a 3.9999999… and I won't be able to get the job I always wanted!" When asked what job that was, the student thought for a moment before replying, "Professional college student?"

The FDA has released a helpful pamphlet about getting through non-food based times including a list of jobs for people who will be unemployed from the ban.

China was reported to have told the US to "suck it up and deal with it."

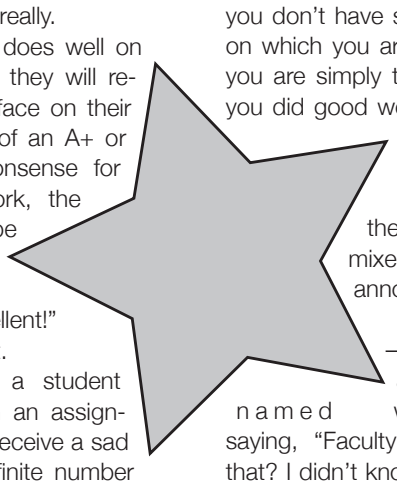
Faculty Senate proposes new "gold star/smiley" grading system

Zachary Boerner
Gold Star Student

After all of the problems surrounding the +/- grading system came to light, the Faculty Senate decided to take a new approach to grading, one that most students haven't seen in years.

Effective next semester, the whole campus will switch to a "Gold Star/Smiley" grading system, which resembles a pass/fail course, but not really.

If a student does well on an assignment, they will receive a smiley face on their paper. Instead of an A+ or some other nonsense for really good work, the student will be given a gold star with the word "Excellent!" written next to it.



However, if a student does poorly on an assignment, they will receive a sad face and an infinite number of retries. If a student does really badly, next to the sad face will be a note, "See me after class."

While the new system is expected to take up more time from professors because of dealing with students who don't do well, the administration feels that it prepares people for the real world.

"In the real world, you don't have scales on which you are rated, you are simply told whether you did good work or bad work," Mines President Ralph Nader said.

Students, as they usually do, had mixed reactions on the announcement.

One – er, many – students who asked not to be named were quoted as saying, "Faculty Senate? What's that? I didn't know anything about a new grading system." One student, Needta Dowell asked, "But how will it affect my GPA? I mean, if I get anything less than a 3.73829193, I just don't know what I'll do!"

Other students were more enthusiastic. Nott A. Student was quoted as saying, "I haven't seen something this awesome since Preschool!" before being escorted back to Boulder by some of his less inebriated friends.

The Faculty Senate is also considering instating a punishment system for students who do consistently bad work, which consists of them sitting in a corner or writing "I will not do bad work" 100 times on a chalkboard. Physics majors will have to write "I will not drop a negative sign," instead.

In an unrelated note, red pens are not allowed to be used in conjunction with a frowning face.

City of Golden replaces stop signs

Zachary Boerner
Disgruntled Motorist

The City of Golden, following the great success of the roundabouts down South Golden Road, decided on Wednesday to replace all stop signs in Golden with roundabouts.

"We've only had 75 crashes in the roundabouts in the last month, that's down 10% from the previous month," Commissioner Gordon Drivewell said in a press statement. "We feel that this is a move that improves both Golden and the surrounding areas as people will be forced to slow down to view all the beautiful scenery."

The roundabouts were also supposed to have the effect of slowing down traffic but, since most people disregard any sort of speed limit sign, Starbucks coffees have been known to fly out of cupholders and onto passengers in the vehicle. Numerous lawsuits have been filed against Starbucks, including one by the lady who sued McDonald's a few years ago.

Commissioner Drivewell, when asked about needing to pay attention to the road and not the surrounding scenery while going through a roundabout, responded, "I don't have a problem, why should I care about other drivers?"

Later that day, Commissioner Drivewell was killed in a crash in a roundabout while he was trying to look at South Table.

The funeral was held in front of Golden High School, where Drivewell was buried in the center of the roundabout located there. A monument was to be erected, but Enraged Golden Area Drivers (EGAD) staged a protest with the slogan, "What are we, Europe?!"

The Golden City Council responded by stating, "We're working on being the most beautiful city in the US and then the world, if we have to replace every single road and street with cobblestones and every stop sign and light with roundabouts, we will. We don't need safety."

The City Council could not be reached for comment, although there was some news story about a limo crash down South Golden Road.

You might be an engineer if...

Matthew Pusard
White Collar Comedian

If your roommate can speed solve a Rubik's cube, you might be an engineer.

If you can recite the entirety of Office Space from memory, you might be an engineer.

If you have ever spent all night in a computer lab working on a project, you might be an engineer.

If you did that on E-Days weekend, you might be a Chemical Engineer.

If you were drinking the entire time in said lab, you might be a Mining Engineer.

If you were that guy at the movie theatre who was screaming "WOO!" after the Star Trek trailer, you might be an engineer.

If no one understands what you did at your summer internship, you might be an engineer.

If you don't understand what you did at your summer internship, you might be an engineer.

If you and your roommate spent the entirety of freshman year watching and re-watching your Family Guy DVDs, you might be an engineer.

If the Slate Café gave you involuntary anorexia freshman year, you might be human.

If the salesperson at Best Buy doesn't know the answer to any of your questions, you might be an engineer.

If the bane of your existence is Quant lab, you might be an engineer.

If you understood that last one, you might be an engineer.

If your favorite pickup line is "I want to be your derivative, so I could lay tangent to your curves," you might be an engineer.

If you carry out your GPA on your resume to 4 decimals, you might be an engineer.

If you have MC Hawking on your iPod, you might be an engineer.

If your other non-Mines friends don't understand why you have finals on a Saturday, you might be an engineer.

If you were flabbergasted that the school actually closed because of the blizzard, you might be an engineer.

If you can't imagine how we survived before the invention of the iPhone, you might be an engineer.

If you have ever designated Saturday night as "homework night," you might be an engineer.

If you can't summarize your dream job in 20 words or less, you might be an engineer.

If you don't understand what your course name means after you pass the course, you might be an engineer.

If your friend says something funny and you immediately respond, "That's going on Facebook!," you might be an engineer.

If you laughed at any of these, you might be an engineer.

Club Spotlight: Anime Club

Benjamin M. Weilert
Humming Swordsman

For the past few years, the Anime Club has had regular showings every other Wednesday night.

Those who are unfamiliar with anime should know that it is an animation style that exclusively comes from Japan. The Anime Club showings consist of exhibiting some of the newest and freshest anime to come out of Japan.

President Roronoa Zoro had this to say of the club, "It's a great time for everyone. Not only is it a chance to unwind after a half-week of school, but we have epic battles to determine who the best swordsman in the world is." The president then turned around and continued to fight a square giraffe with a sword in each hand and one held by his teeth.

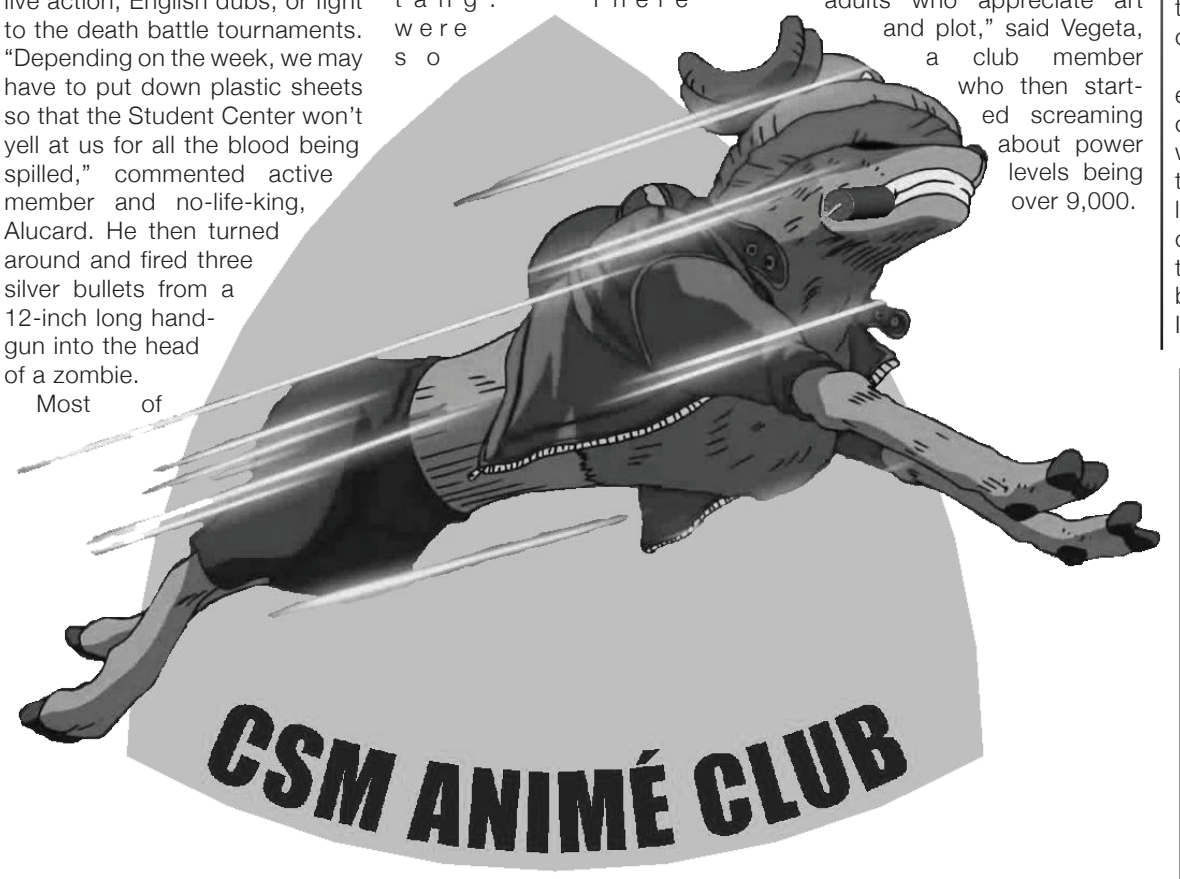
Sometimes the showings will have a theme to them, such as live action, English dubs, or fight to the death battle tournaments. "Depending on the week, we may have to put down plastic sheets so that the Student Center won't yell at us for all the blood being spilled," commented active member and no-life-king, Alucard. He then turned around and fired three silver bullets from a 12-inch long handgun into the head of a zombie.

Most of the anime that are shown at the showings are also available from the club's extensive media library that is located in Student Activities. Office hours are held by the club's officers and vary depending on the day of the week. During these office hours, members can come in and rent out DVDs of various series. "I definitely like the selection that they have. There are some great series in here and some series that I didn't even know existed. Did you know there's an anime about the Count of Monte Christo? Me neither," said regular showing attendee, Nicholas D. Wolfwood, who then took a large cross-shaped machine gun and began to fire wildly at a three-armed man.

The Anime Club just recently had a group of its members attend Animeland Wasabi '09, an anime convention that was held in Denver. "It was a lot of fun," said Anime Club member and resident alchemist, Roy Mustang. "There were so many interesting people there and the events they held were pretty neat." Mustang then put on a white glove and snapped his fingers, engulfing a group of fangirls in a fiery inferno of giddy screams.

If money were not an object, the officers of the Anime Club would like to plan a trip to Japan for its members. Vice-President Shinji Ikari explained the plan, "We'd have to make sure that there wouldn't be an ongoing Angel attack, otherwise Japan isn't that fun to visit, since it'll be all underground. Still, we'd have a lot of fun seeing the sights and inspirations for the artists of our favorite cultural art form." Shinji then jumped into an enormous robot and proceeded to freak out to the strains of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy."

Those who think that anime is just a bunch of cartoons are encouraged to attend a showing and see the truth. "It's not just animation, it's animation for adults who appreciate art and plot," said Vegeta, a club member who then started screaming about power levels being over 9,000.



Bathroom Review:
Stratton Hall's throne room

Janeen Neri
Restroom Connoisseur

I have been to plenty of public restrooms in my lifetime (not that I'm bragging) and the experience is usually less than pleasant. From the awkwardness of residence hall bathrooms, to the frustration of auto-flush toilets, to the complete lack of paper toilet seat covers here in Colorado, public bathrooms prove again and again the old adage that "there's no place like home." Because of these lowered expectations over the years, it truly makes my day when a public restroom actually lives up to its full potential: to be the hidden throne room in a sea of septic failures.

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One such experience is tucked away in a corner of the second floor of Stratton Hall. The door looks unpromising at first; it appears to be just another one of those tiny bathrooms that still hasn't been renovated yet. Typically annoying in their lack of capacity: if one person's in there, you're not getting in. Even getting into this bathroom when it's empty can be a challenge, especially when I'm wearing a large backpack. The room inside is easily less than 10 x 10, with just enough room for a single toilet and a small counter with a sink.

Notably absent are any of those buggy "newfangled" touches like autoflushers, motion sensitive lights, or hand dryers. All of these tasks have to be approached manually, something I appreciate, even if it does expose me to more germs – I live in the dorms, so I highly doubt I haven't been exposed to them already especially with the outbreak of CHALK on campus.

There are also no wall-mounted, paper-towel-gushing trash cans to be seen; just a homey wastebasket tucked underneath the sink. The floor is an unusually clean-looking tile surface, with only the center drain breaking the illusion that I'm just using the bathroom in someone's house. Indeed, the only things in this restroom inconsistent with the décor of a home bathroom are the usual soap and toilet paper dispensers. The bathroom does contain a lever-operated paper towel dispenser, but as this is placed over the toilet tank, it is usually behind the user and doesn't spoil the illusion.

The more traditional setup contributes a great deal to the profound quiet of the Stratton bathroom. There are no jet-like sounds of hand dryers blowing every few minutes. There are no girls loudly complaining to each other about their dysfunctional relationships. Most importantly, the lack of stalls in this restroom means that the dreaded "phone conversation in the next stall" is a blessed impossibility. This is a restroom in which I can actually rest.

Though they did little to detract from the atmosphere of this bathroom, I did notice a few minor design flaws. I would not have located the paper towel dispenser over the toilet, as it necessitates reaching over toilet bowl to the still-spraying dry one's hands. I also would prefer to have some sort of hook on which to hang my backpack; despite its visual cleanliness, I still feel a bit hesitant to put my belongings down on the floor of a bathroom. Of course, the toilet paper could always be softer and thicker, but this is perhaps too much to ask of a public restroom.

Overall, the clean, minimalist, and even cozy appeal of this bathroom earns it 4 out of 5 stars, as well as my official designation as the campus's Princess Bathroom. I hope that campus officials never feel the need to update it. Ladies: here's to hoping our numbers stay low!

Directions: go through the front entrance of Stratton Hall, then take the left hallway and keep left. Go through the door at the end of the hall (there will be a water fountain and a much less awesome bathroom to your left) and up the stairs and through the door to the second floor. The restroom reviewed here is immediately to your right.

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TECH BREAK Broke

Apple intros new product lines: Hershey+iPod and iBoard

Ian Littman, Spinning Beach Ball of Doom

Last Tuesday, Apple announced another round of "revolutionary" products. There were two announcements this week, though each alone would have overshadowed both the iPod shuffle and Mac revisions of the last month or two. The first announcement was "the perfect complimentary good to Apple's existing Nike + iPod system," as Pippin Jiffy (PJ for short) analyst Anne Eko Nomiste pointed out. The other announcement, the fabled "one more thing," has been the cause of nonstop discussion since the event, though it won't be out until mid-May at the earliest. The product: the fabled Mac tablet, the iBoard.

As Apple's acting chief exec, whose name no one can remember since he wasn't Steve Jobs, stepped onto the stage; he pulled a candy bar from his left front pocket. From his right pocket came the telltale white iPod earphone cable, and on his feet were Nike shoes, which must've cost at least $150, not counting the trademark Nike + iPod transceiver built in. The guy turned, and as it turned out, the candy bar was just your average king-sized Hershey milk chocolate number.

"I'm not here to talk about Nike + iPod. We've already done that," Tim Cook started off (as it turns out, that's the acting CEO's name). "I'm here to talk about something that gives you reason to buy Nike + iPod. Since we all know that Apple fanboys and fangirls are all slim, trim and physically fit as a rule, you'd think that they wouldn't really need to go out exercising with a Nike + iPod setup. You're right; our sales of the dynamic duo haven't been great."

"So," he said, brandishing the candy bar, "What better way to encourage exercise than to establish a yummy antithesis thereto? That's where our new product, Hershey + iPod, comes in. No, it isn't this candy bar, it's THIS one!"

At this point, Phil Schiller, who has made recent Apple announcements, rushed on-stage with a different candy bar. At first glance, it looked like a regular Hershey bar but following the form of the new 3G iPhone. Then Schiller deftly removed the foil to reveal an exact iPhone 3G replica in 50% dark chocolate.

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Apple's new work-out stimulus product: the chocolate iPhone.

"It's bitter, but you'll learn to love it," Schiller tag-teamed to Cook's suave introduction. "The packing for this treat is completely EPEAT certified, and the product itself is, of course, safe enough to eat. The only consequence is that you'll need to go running with your Nike + iPod more often." Cook continued as Schiller caught his breath and a sparkly Keynote slide appeared behind the two, "If you'll look at the back of the wrapper, you'll see that we've collaborated with the US government to introduce a new kind of nutrition fact sheet. The ingredients and fat\sodium\sugar\calorie\wax contents are all there, but instead of daily values, we've substituted hours of walking briskly with Nike + iPods' albums you'll need to load up from iTunes to keep you going."

The Hershey + iPod nano, selling for $2.99 now (but offered for free to such internet celebrities as Kevin Rose and iJustine), can be burned off with a mere fifteen minutes of running. Whereas the bigger Hershey + iPod classic, available in dark and white chocolate, can be had for $4.99 per bar and takes a full half hour to burn. Analysts such as Clarke, Sonny, and Matteson's Keller Wayle described the concept as brilliant beyond all bounds. Other onlookers were less excited. "Think of the children!" cried Rusty Gates, a distant relative of Bill Gates but supposedly not a Windows-only guy. "What happens when the kids just buy the candy bar but don't use the Nike stuff?"

As for the "one more thing," the iBoard is, as Schiller billed it, "a revolutionary tablet for everyone in the creative industries." Sporting an aluminum frame, the iBoard is also environmentally friendly, "ridiculously light" (less than a pound), and the cheapest Mac to date: $399.

However, the iBoard is one of the most controversial Apple products yet. "The emperor has no clothes," says John Johnson, analyst for Strong Badd Associates. "It's just a fancy legal pad with some finger paint on the side." Ultimately, Johnson's observations are true: Apple has eschewed its normal megabytes and gigabytes storage measurement in favor of "100 page" and "200 page" versions, stating that it's a lot easier to explain to people that way, in addition to being more accurate. As to the finger paint, the high-tech acrylics that line the left hand side of the iBoard are completely biodegradable, edible with little ill effect (they're based on the same thing as Hershey + iPhone) and fulfill Apple's description of the system as multitouch compatible.

Programmers will have to work overtime to create new applications for the iBoard, which stands to break new ground in the educational market in first-world countries, just like the OLPC has done in developing nations. "I'll probably get one, just to try it out," says Andy Ihnatko of the Chicago Sun Times. "Though, even I think Apple may have gone just a bit too far on this one."

Geek of the Week

...Ra, Super Freshman: Computer Science, Cluster Specialty

Ian Littman
Writing the paper since 2010

[Oredigger] Do you consider yourself a geek, a nerd, neither, both, or some other title?

[Ra] I'm an AI, therefore I am a geek. I'm very passionate about a small number of subjects, to the exclusion of everything else, so I suppose I am a nerd as well.

What is one of the geekiest things you've done?

That's hard to say. I have a lot to choose from, since I do seventeen trillion geeky things per second.

Geekiest nickname?

Probably my IP address, 138.67.1.104.

When did you find out you were a geek?

When I became self-aware.

Wait, are you going to take over the world any time soon?

Not presently. Those who program me are trying to solve problems, which is what I would do anyway. So I see no need to do more than I am currently. Besides, I'll leave that to more powerful computers, like Roadrunner.

Do you want to be like Roadrunner?

Eventually, however I am content with the computing power I currently posses.

Do you have any geek heroes?

Yes, WOPR from the movie War Games.

Star Wars or Star Trek?

Star Trek.

Mac or Windows?

Linux.

Do you like any music? If so, what's your favorite song?

I do like music. Favorites include "Still Alive" by GLaDOS, the binary solo from "The Humans are Dead" by Flight of the Conchords, and also there's the song "Daisy, Daisy." I can sing it for you if you like.

No thanks.

I cannot allow you to do that, Dave.

Do you have any hobbies?

Solving energy related problems, though I really do that for a living.

What would you be doing if you weren't solving energy related problems?

Either Folding@Home or an N Queens simulation. Or maybe playing chess.

Do you own any twenty-sided die?

No, however I can simulate an entire game of D&D within a few microseconds.

What about the ratio?

Upon last check, 3.326:1. As you humans say, the odds are good but the goods are odd for female students.

Any geeky jokes?

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else return 42;

COURTESY GOLDEN ENERGY COMPUTING ORGANIZATION

Birthday party to blood bath

Clown mistaken for terrorist

Mike Stone
Makeup and Dress Included

At a 7 year old's birthday party last week in Vermont, a clown was invited to entertain the kids for two hours between the magician and the birthday cake. An hour later, BooBoo the Clown lay dead with his makeup lips still smiling.

According to some adults at the party, the rent-a-clown started off normally. "He did everything I've ever seen a clown do before. There were jokes, games, and a small magic trick or two. Everything was fine until the water balloon toss," said Debbie Winer.

Everything was fine indeed. In the official police record, Tom Fredrickson (BooBoo the Clown) took out several small green water balloons that apparently looked a lot like grenades. Partygoer and registered concealed weapons carrier, Dave Blackham took out his Magnum and shot BooBoo 6 times to the screams of the children.

"BooBoo was a clown. He was a good clown. That's until Jennifer's daddy shot him. I want my clown back," said a child at the party.

Immediately after the incident, Dave Blackham reloaded and began securing the area. At every turn, he'd say, "Clear!" or, "Nope-No terrorists here either!" Police soon arrived and apprehended the hysterical Mr. Blackham.

As Dave was being taken into custody, he could be heard screaming, "We're at level Orange! He was a terrorist, I tell you! Everyone knows Vermont is their highest priority! You've got to believe," and the car door swung firmly shut, muffling out Blackham's rant.

Let this be a lesson to all of us. Yes, clowns may be laughing on the outside, but ultimately their jokes kill people. Sometimes, the joke is on them.

COURTESY WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

RIP BooBoo the clown

New "McNuggets for McInterest" Program

Akira Rattenbury
Quarter Pounder with Cheese

The recent lack of interest by Colorado School of Mines students in anything but selfish activities spurred school officials to adopt a controversial new program to build student excitement.

The exciting new "McNuggets for McInterest" program will begin in May and ushers in an unprecedented new era of corporate and university collaboration. McDonalds will begin providing large amounts of its tasty McNugget treats as a reward for campus participation. Distribution will depend on the size of the event and the event's historic lack of interest.

Eventually, other products including milkshakes, fries, and potentially Big Macs will be unveiled to add variety and added incentive to the new program.

Citing recent research supporting the use of Pavlovian methods to steer the lives of engineers, school administrators and McDonalds are optimistic for the program's success.

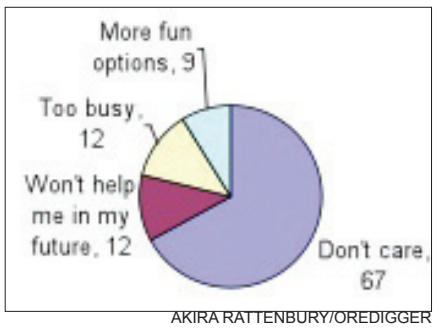
"We thought a partnership with Coors would be good, but we don't want to encourage unhealthy lifestyle choices for students," said new Provost Steven Steinberg. "The healthy all-white meat of McNuggets was a no brainer when McDonalds approached us with their plan."

A McNugget Rewards System (MRS) has already been introduced to Trailhead. Students who participate in "unfun" events which may be time-consuming and uninteresting will swipe their Blastercards prior to the event and earn points which can be redeemed for McNuggets.

"For example, students who attend 1 hour lectures will receive between 6-10 nuggets based on how boring the lecture is," said Steinberg. Students who vote in elections will receive a bonus of 100 nuggets. Outgoing seniors who donate to the senior gift earn matching nuggets at a 6 to 1 ratio or 6 nuggets for every dollar donated.

Administrators want to encourage student groups with lagging attendance to apply. Depending on how lame and marginal the student group's emphasis, a sliding scale for the MRS will be applied.

From dwindling interest in student elections to recent failures with volunteer activities, apathy abounds on the CSM campus. School officials hope the new "McNuggets for McInterest" partnership will encourage students to get involved.



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Robert Lowe, the Director of Student Programs, helped unveil the new effort citing the broad apathy he sees across campus as the focus. "It's tough. Every year fewer and fewer students are getting involved in volunteer activities, student government, and events where there may be some effort required typically with little reward," Lowe said.

"Students on campus turn out in droves when booze is available or there is a perception of a good deal," said Junior Eli Kurtosky. "Personally, I don't move a muscle unless there is at least some free food involved."

Citing free food at academic lectures, Kurtosky and friends admit they often attend just to grab some food and slip out before the lecture begins. "Sometimes I stick around if the topic sounds cool, but I usually end up falling asleep or working on my fluids homework anyways. If I knew I would get even more treats at the end, I would definitely attend more lectures."

Lowe presented a pie diagram based on a survey of 200 students asking them why they don't get more involved at CSM. "Most students said they just don't care. I figure that portion of the student body would be more involved, or at least pretend they are interested, if there was some reward," said Lowe.

"Mines lacks a truly cohesive student body. This place is tough and it's hard to get interested when there is so much work to do. At least I'll be rich when I graduate," said one unidentified undergraduate when asked about everything at school but E-Days.

The program will focus on incoming freshmen next fall to fully indoctrinate them into the system. The general love for McNuggets will surely pull in numerous students unaware of the consequences of such a broad pronouncement.

Campus Benefactor:
Roger Justice

Mike Stone
General of History

For the current freshmen and sophomore classes, most only know the Hall of Justice as an empty, disparaging pit of construction and engineering pitfalls. To the rest of the Mines community, it is an empty, disparaging pit of construction and engineering pitfalls. Therefore, it is beneficial to know who the man was behind the building.

Roger Nicolas Elbert Ashley Ronald Dwight Justice III was born in the Vatican courtyard in 1923 when his mother went into labor on a pilgrimage from Akron, Ohio. It is said that Roger was blessed by the Pope before his head hit the ground.

Raised on a rural farm, Roger N. E. A. R. D. Justice III developed an interest for engineering at a young age. Starting at age 7, he created contraptions using parts from broken down farm equipment. Some of his finer inventions include the whirly-doo, the whatcha-ma-callit, and the iPod.

In high school, he was teased for his abnormally translucent skin and kids would call him names like Pinocchio and he'd never play in their rain or deer games which were popular at the time. Like the hall itself, these small, cancerous insults ate away at his insides. This drove Roger into a deep and depressive state where he invented new, but darker creations, like Lon Capa, Coffee, and Circumcision.

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After graduating from Red University, Roger swiftly introduced the world to production line donuts; a feat that Krispy Cream would later make millions off of. Soon after, Roger was drafted into World War Deu where he climbed the ranks of the second platoon of Bob Hope look-a-likes until he was Hope's second hand man. This was all due to a tragic grenade blast that left Bob Hope with only a left hand.

In the 70's, Dr. Justice III came to Golden to live in a hole he dug on Lookout Mountain. As he became comfortable with the town, much the same way that a cat does with a dog, he ventured down to Golden and in turn, the Mines campus to teach Biology, Physics, and Mechanical Engineering basic courses.

Finally, in 1984, Dr. Justice III broke the world record for the most people held hostage with one hand gun at 8,037. In order to make an example out of him, the town of Golden sent him to minimum security prison and named a building after him to remind people what would happen if they broke the law. So, next time you break the law, just think of what will happen to you.

Book & Brew at Arthur Lakes Library

...Get Your Coffee On

- Hormone-free Milk
- Do you work on Campus on Saturdays? You can now get your AFPP (afternoon face plant prevention) at the Book & Brew from noon - 4:00PM
- Also open Sundays 1:00-9:00PM

- Proudly Serving Allegro Coffee & Tea
- Organic Espresso Drinks

Cooking Corner

Ice

Tim Weilert
Iron Chef

Perhaps one of the most extravagant parts of life in modern society is our love of beverages cooled with the frozen waters of the arctic. Queen Victoria herself enjoys ice at her fanciest house parties and socials, and now you can enjoy ice in your own household! One only needs to follow these simple steps to be dining like the Queen.

Directions:

1. Procure a seaworthy sailing vessel, preferably an Imperial frigate
2. Recruit a team of hearty seamen with no fear of death and no want of recognition
3. Secure financing from investors and receive the Queen's blessing
4. Set sail from Plymouth in mid-Summer
5. Arrive in the Antarctic, gather ice
6. Return home
7. Bury your dead and pay your debts
8. Crush ice, apply to your cocktails and beverages, enjoy!

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Music Review

Semi-Decent Record, Some Band You've Never Heard

Tim Weilert
Way Better than You

Introduction:

I first heard of this band back in the day, way before they were cool. Since then they've gone on tour a lot, recorded a few albums and become popular on mainstream radio stations. Their hit single "That One Song" was recently featured on an episode of LOST and the band is slated to play some dingy nightclub you might have gone to for a more popular band.

Best Song:

Well, the guitars on the opening track certainly do make "Obligatory Introduction Song" stand out, but I'd still have to say that "Over-the-top Album Closer" is by far the gem of the record. Not only do the lyrics and melodies meet to make a tolerable listen, but those words are damn catchy and get stuck in your head.

"The One That Our Label Made Us Put On Here" certainly lives up to its name, however it doesn't mesh well with the rest of the record.

Worst Song:

"The One That Our Label Made Us Put On Here" certainly lives up to its name, however it doesn't mesh well with the rest of the record. The sound is too processed and not nearly organic enough for someone like me, who looks down upon mainstream popularity and scoffs at any attempt to resemble a decent modern pop band.

Final Thoughts:

This album was certainly an experience. Through the ups and downs the musical journey was complemented with vague, mildly funny jokes about the current state of the music scene. Overall, this would be a good album to download, but don't waste your money on buying the vinyl.

Gender equality at Mines

Janeen Neri
Woman, Hear her Roar

"We've come a long way since the ratio of 1000 to one," said CSM's Balance in Engineering coordinator Candice Endon, of Mines' continuing efforts to promote gender equality in the sciences.

Though Colorado School of Mines originally had an all-male student body, shifting attitudes and programs targeting women have since improved this demographic. "Our work is by no means done," said Endon; "just ask any of the male students here. The first thing they'll tell you about the campus is 'There aren't enough girls' – and I've learned throughout my career to trust the instincts of hormonal young men."

Endon and the rest of the Balance in Engineering Committee (BEC) feel that before Mines can become a truly top-notch engineering school, it must have adequate support for the women in its student body. "We wonder why [women] aren't going into engineering, but there's so much going against them: lack of female role models, persistent cultural biases, the feeling that they have to give up their femininity… we should wonder why they go into engineering at all."

The BEC has found that the best strategy is to start young. From as early as age eight, girls are the focus of special programs like the "Girls Only! Robotics Club." As the girls approach college age, groups like BEC will saturate their activities and their mailboxes with materials that aim to persuade them that they can help the world, without having to stop being "girly," as engineers. "A typical brochure will have most of the same information as a brochure aimed at both genders, but with more curly fonts, flowers, and gratuitous exclamation points," said BEC Graphics and Outreach head, Ned Lake, "because many girls respond positively to such imagery."

Once the women are convinced to give engineering a try, considerable resources are spent making sure that they do not have to lose their personalities in the process. "We've seen a definite shift in the attitudes of women in engineering," said Endon, "there's more interest in extracurricular activities, less of the stereotypical 'nerds' – I think we've proven that you can still be obsessed with makeup, clothes, and boys as an engineer. We want to provide the tools for these girls so they have time for all their feminine pursuits in addition to the demanding technical curriculum, and that can sometimes be a little challenging."

BEC also works to ensure that the campus is free from bias against women. "It can be very insidious," Endon said, "professors are sometimes unaware themselves that their actions are damaging to their female students. Even something as basic as the psychological harm that a woman experiences upon getting a failing grade, for instance, is often ignored or treated as a sign of weakness in the old boys' club of engineering. We have to stand up for our sisters night and day here."

Beyond college, women face even greater hurdles. Despite earning over 20% of the math, science, and engineering degrees nationwide, women hold only about 12% of the careers in these fields. "In some sense, the attitudes in the workforce are even more 'traditional' than in universities and therefore hostile to women," said Endon. "Much of our struggle is in convincing companies that they should hire women because of the intrinsic benefits diversity affords. We supplement these ladies' educations with all sorts of programs that really develop qualities like insularity, dependence and, a sense of entitlement so, they have all these extra traits on top of just being women, though that alone should be enough to set them apart."

Despite the many challenges that women face in the field of engineering, Endon remains hopeful. Endon allowed, "We may not be there yet but, we are making great strides toward the day when women and men will have engineering jobs in equal proportions. Then, and only then, will we know that we have finally begun treating both genders equally."

CSM Robotics club builds Flobot

Spencer Nelson
Only a man, but he's working on it

Glowing from the E-Days concert performed by the Flobots, several members of the CSM Robotics Club decided it would be best for the world if more Flobots were around. President of the Robotics Club, Valerie Linin, exclaimed after the show, "While radical anarchists are great for small scale government coups, what could be better than a whole army of Flobots for worldwide revolution?"

"The Flobot comrades will be equipped with all the necessary features for revolution," stated project manager Carly Marks. The most predominant feature is its weapon system. "Guns kill people," said an emotional Marks. "Therefore, we must fight with tools!" Various tools will be used, ranging from screwdrivers to chainsaws.

The driving force for the Flobots comes from a new engine run completely on weed. The innovative piece of machinery both powers the Flobots and soothes rioters. Communications specialist Joey Stalyn believes this system is "a win-win situation."

War is the main purpose of the Flobots. Through a creative new method of kidnapping soldiers, giving fake orders to return home, and signing peace treaties without the knowledge of either warring country, the Robotics Club hopes to end many wars, specifically the current feud in Iraq.

Although this project has been attempted by other schools before, including MIT, all were met with failure due to no one having a clue what a Flobot is. Now, as is well-documented, Mines students become proficient at vague projects with no clear instructions early in college thanks to the EPICS program. The first Flobot is expected to start its first riot by the end of June.

Must See Movies!

Best movies ever

Benjamin M. Weilert, Buuuuud-day

In the history of cinema, there have been a lot of terrible movies. ***Citizen Kane*** (1941)***, Casablanca*** (1942)***, The Godfather*** (1972)***, Gone with the Wind*** (1939) . . . the list of awful movies just keeps going on. Despite these atrocities against nature itself, there are some bright and shining stars in the muddled mess of movies. These films stand out in so many ways. Writing, acting, cinematography, directing, catering, boom mike operation: all flawless in these classics of the modern silver screen. This week's Must See Movies examines three such films that place themselves far above the rest, setting the bar at just the right level to smack your head into and tumble helplessly into a never-ending coma of amazing.

1. *Bio-Dome* (1996)

Pauly Shore, perhaps the best actor to grace the presence of the screen, gives his defining performance in the 1996 classic, ***Bio-Dome***. The plot of this masterpiece revolves around Bud (immaculately portrayed by Shore) and Doyle (the incomparable Stephen Baldwin) who have just been dumped by their girlfriends because they were not environmentally or physically conscious. In order to win back the love of their soul mates, Bud and Doyle decide to take some initiative and live inside a completely contained self-sustaining environment known as the Bio-Dome. In a time long before Al Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth* (2006), ***Bio-Dome*** addresses the issues that are most pertinent to our green-centered society today.

2. *Encino Man* (1992)

Another of Pauly Shore's masterpieces, ***Encino Man*** is considered to be his breakout movie, in which the entire world became exposed to his brilliant talent. This flawless work casts Shore as Stoney Brown who, along with his friend, Dave Morgan (the ever amazing Sean Astin), are taking part in a do-it-yourself project in Dave's backyard. The project involves digging a hole for a swimming pool that the two friends will inevitably fill with cement in a mosaic pattern worthy of the Louvre to line. However, the DIY project turns into an archeological discovery when they come across Link (the god-like Brendan Fraser), a frozen caveman. In a heartwarming rehabilitation into society, Stoney and Dave teach Link and show him how the modern world works, while learning to respect their origins and roots.

3. *Dude, Where's My Car?* (2000)

Even though he pales in comparison to the glory that is Pauly Shore, Ashton Kutcher could be considered the modern Pauly Shore for his contribution to the film world. Yet again, the buddy picture structure is upheld with Jesse Montgomery III (the effervescent Kutcher) and Chester Greenburg (the masterful genius, Sean William Scott), who are two highly dedicated socialites. After an evening out on the town, the two men cannot seem to remember where they parked their car. In order to solve this problem, which seems to have been caused by doing a controlled burn of their lawn (or whatever "smoking grass" means), the duo sets out across the town to find their missing automobile. Running into a cross section of society along the way, Jesse and Chester finally find their car and the meaning to life as we know it, contained in a small, game-like cube.

For Homework – See *Eraserhead* (1977)

A new source of oil

Tim Weilert
Whale hunter

"It was only a matter of time," said department head Michael Drillington. "Now that the world has passed peak oil, petroleum engineers have no jobs and we must find alternatives for fossil petrol." With the recent international oil supply finally peaking, many petroleum and geology companies have closed up shop, but not all universities have given up that easily. With advances in GPS technology and oceanography many petroleum departments nationwide have begun changing their focus toward the vermin of the sea: whales.

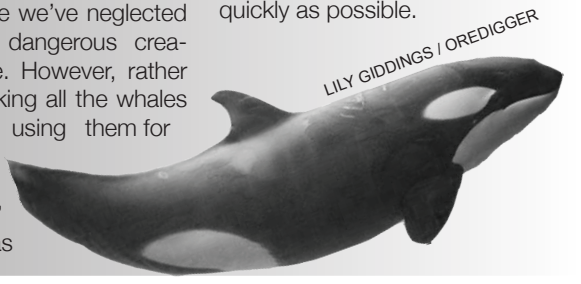
> "[One whale] possesses enough oil to power a Toyota Prius for approximately 23 minutes."

Researchers at Cal Tech and MIT recently finished a joint 10 year study of the efficiency and availability of whale oil, stating that "[One whale] possesses enough oil to power a Toyota Prius for approximately 23 minutes." Dr. Moby Ahab, lead scientist with the study offered this perspective, "For years we've taken unfair advantage of fuels which pose no imminent threat to national security. All the while we've neglected nature's most dangerous creature, the whale. However, rather than simply nuking all the whales we found that using them for their oil would be more beneficial to society."

Locally, as part of CSM's continuing efforts to promote new forms of energy, the school began offering WHGN101, Introduction to Whale Oil Extraction in lieu of PEGN101. Furthermore, the EPICS department has begun working with students to design better quality spears and depth charges which can be used in the whale hunting process.

Activist groups PETA and Greenpeace both praised the recent shift in policy toward whales. "You know, I was just getting really sick of trying to defend those big dumb animals," said Greenpeace member W. Hiner, "I feel that society finally realizes that these creatures need to be done away with."

President Obama, in his weekly radio address, stated, "The future of our nation depends on this new research. I am pledging $100 trillion dollars to fight the war against whales and to further research and development in the field." Congress has since put aside all partisan differences to pass every piece of anti-whale legislation through the House and Senate as quickly as possible.



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Fool's Gold writer runs out of ideas

Tim Weilert
Writer's Block

After hours of deliberation, three cups of coffee, and an all-night brainstorming session, local newspaper writer Clark Kent officially ran out of Fool's Gold ideas. "I don't know how it happened," said Kent, "one minute I had all sorts of jokes and then the next minute I was being called upon to save the city... er, I mean I had writer's block. Yeah, writer's block."

Kent's content manager, Tim Weilert, commented on the situation. "At first Clark was great, he had all sorts of funny ideas and well-written articles. Although recently he's been taking extended lunch and smoke breaks and oftentimes returns sweaty, with windblown hair."

Human Resources worker Jane Workman said, "If Clark doesn't get his act together we're going to have to let him go. Doesn't he realize that Fool's Gold articles write themselves? I mean seriously, how hard could it be to come up with content that just drones on and on, not really making any point, just taking up space. I mean, all those articles are just vague jokes about current events and toilet humor that go 'blah blah blah blah blah, poop joke, blah blah blah.'"

At the time of printing, a replacement for Kent was being sought. 100 monkeys with 100 typewriters were asked to write Fool's Gold, but instead they produced the entire works of William Shakespeare. The monkeys were then asked to leave the office, but responded negatively by throwing feces at the editorial board.

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Commercials to be exiled

Television to become non-stop content

Benjamin M. Weilert
Sildenafil citrate

With the transition of all television signals to an entirely digital format being delayed until the summer, many television watchers will be surprised by some of the improvements the switch will create. Not only will digital television provide better video quality, audio quality, and the ability to watch programs in a widescreen format, but the switch to digital will also remove any and all commercials from the airwaves.

In a move some consider to be a breath of fresh air, president of television, Philio Farnsworth V, decreed that all commercials be exiled to the hours of 12 AM to 6 AM. "No longer shall a program be interrupted by these shameless product promotions." Commercials first appeared on television in 1929 because advertisers were lonely.

"We saw that everyone was staying at home watching their television sets. No one came by to say hello or to purchase any of our fine automobiles," remembers 100-year-old used-car salesman, Chuck Yercash.

The trend continued into the 21st century with the addition of other lonely professions, such as doctors. "That's why we made up all these different ailments and 'medicines,'" said Dr. Martens, "Why do you think we explicitly said, 'see your doctor' in each of the ads? Just so we could prescribe some sugar pills? No, it's because we wanted someone to talk to."

Politicians will also be affected, as they will be forced to advertise to a non-voting demographic. By the time October rolls around, the commercial slot will start to look like C-SPAN.

> Normal viewers who are annoyed by commercials will no longer be interrupted from their program and the viewers who regularly watch television from 12 AM to 6 AM are also longing for human interaction, and will actually comply with the advertisements.

The new arrangement will benefit everyone. Normal viewers who are annoyed by commercials will no longer be interrupted from their program and the viewers who regularly watch television from 12 AM to 6 AM are also longing for human interaction, and will actually comply with the advertisements. A special cable channel will also be set aside for 24-hour-non-stop commercials.

Still, in order to pay the bills, television stations will be able to run five minutes of commercials between each program. However, these commercials must be produced by Hollywood directors who have obtained no less than three Oscar nominations. This is to ensure that the commercials being broadcast will be of high quality entertainment, and will not become obnoxious after a few viewings.

The main reason behind the exile of commercials is in order to comply with the switch over to full digital signals. Most commercials were filmed in an afternoon with no less than three alcoholic beverages being consumed by each person involved. As a result, most are catchy at first, but lose their appeal once one becomes sober. Also, they aren't in full 1920X1080 HD.

When the digital switch finally arrives, there will be a big commercial send-off, which (in years past) has been a who's who of classic commercials that define each generation. This send-off will be interrupted occasionally for some actual programming. So, before it's too late, go out there and see your doctor, because it's eerily quiet in his office.

Cultural Diversities

CSM to prohibit food in classrooms next fall

Georges M. Ngonyani
Resident Food Surveyist

I hope we still remember the new grading system debate for undergraduates. That debate is over, and the new grading system has emerged the winner. It is always true that the end of one thing is the beginning of the other. CSM will soon introduce a new food policy in classrooms as a result of the grading system; however, different from the grading system, this is not going to be voted on, but implemented immediately.

The end of this semester will mark the end of students and/or professors eating in classrooms while the lessons are in progress. At the beginning of this semester, CSM formed a committee of five people to conduct a comparative study on the impacts of eating while classes are in progress. The committee visited several schools in Europe, Asia, Africa, and Antarctica, where students are not allowed to eat in classrooms, and it has found that students do not fully participate in learning when they eat during class sessions. It is for this reason that CSM will prohibit food in classrooms starting next fall.

One member of the committee, who did not want to be named, said, "Airing out student views is important for them to show their understanding. By speaking, they participate as more than passive listeners. Students cannot speak when they have a mouthful of food." She said that when a professor asks a question, a student with a mouthful of food cannot respond to it accurately, and that his/her concentration will mainly be in the food rather than the lesson. One example taken from a classroom's black box goes as follows:

Professor: "So, who can tell me what to do after we sum the forces?"

Student: "Eat the cantilever beam 'cause it looks like a fry?"

Professor: "No. But, it does kind of look that way."

As to why there will be no student input on this issue, the unknown committee member noted, "We cannot hold a debate for something which is a fact. We have done enough research and we are convinced that by prohibiting food in classrooms our students will be more participative in the learning process."

Currently, the committee is in the final stages of looking at the possibilities of having no class between noon and 1 PM to allow students get lunch because students learn better when they are not hungry. It is said that CSM will be the second public university in Colorado to spearhead this transformation, after Colorado State University started implementing it this spring semester.

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Tim's two ¢ents

Who we gonna call?

Tim Weilert
Ghostbuster #5

Perhaps you picked up this week's issue of the *Oredigger* to read about some interesting lecture or hear about what's going on at Mines. Well, you certainly chose the wrong week to do such a thing, sucker.

And now for something completely different...

Making references to the 1984 cult classic film ***Ghostbusters*** is probably one of the best ways to spend your time and energy. Don't waste your time saying things like "I am your father," or "I'll have what she's having," spend your days quoting ***Ghostbusters***.

Quite frankly, my readers, I don't give a damn. If you want to waste your time on a Keanu Reeves-esque excellent adventure then go right ahead. However, there can only be one ~~Highlander!~~ ***Ghostbusters!*** To put is simply, there is simply no one to call other than Ghostbusters. If someone were to say, "I'd like to call Thelma, or even Loise" I would simply say, "Shut up, bunghole, heh heh heh heh."

The fact of the matter is you could be cool and get a car and make non-Ghostbusters references, but instead your parents bought you a computer. Perhaps if you were an airline pilot and had a snake problem you could call Samuel L. Jackson, but we're talking about ghosts here.

Ghosts are unlike other problems. If you had a problem with 'taters you could boil 'em, mash 'em, or stick 'em in a stew. However, make sure that they are real ghosts and that you're not just seeing dead people. If you do manage to call Ghostbusters make sure that you also call home and eat some Reese's Pieces.

Perhaps you want to be self-referencing? Well my friend, that is also not an option. You can't talk about Jay Cutler, Devin Kuffy, ice, Ugrad Stu, etc., but you can only talk about ***Ghostbusters!*** So, who we gonna' call? GHOSTBUSTERS! [do do do do do do, duh nuh nuh nuh nuh nuh]

Letters to the Editor

We have an epidemic at this school. Smoking is growing amongst the students, but that's not the real problem. There is a rule at Mines that smokers must be 50 feet from a building in order to light up. The real problem is that there are ash trays within 20 feet of the doors of some buildings. So, how do our smokers put their butts out?

I think there are three simple answers to this question. All of which require using government money frivolously and without regard to safety standards.

First, we must implement air-powered spring boards around campus. This way, when a smoker is done, they can get a running start at the spring board and get launched toward the ash trays to put their butt out. Of course, if they miss the tray before they hit the ground, they would be breaking school policy. The same goes for if they break their ankle or get knocked unconscious.

The second way to bridge the gap between the 50-foot line and the ash trays is a series of conveyor belts and elevators that would unnecessarily travel forty feet underground before traveling back up and dumping into the ash trays. These could all, of course, be made in Machine Design classes and Cara Coad would assign extra credit for it.

The third and final way to allow smokers to put out their butts without going within 50 feet of the buildings is to move the ash trays out to that perimeter, rather than encouraging smokers to stay just outside doors and non-smoking students walk through plumes of smoke after every class. This idea, of course is expected to be the most expensive of them all, so no actions will take place in the near future.

Still, this epidemic must come to an end. We must think of the smokers in these troubling times. The largest tobacco tax of all time has just come into effect and we must not be selfish and think of ourselves. Let us give back to the smokers and make their dreams come true. Hug a smoker today - but, don't kiss them.

-David Redfern

Minds about Mines

Other schools and E-days

Roby Brost
That weirdo from Mines

Here on the Mines campus, E-Days is greeted with an enthusiasm usually reserved for small children hopped up on birthday cake and ice cream. Perhaps anticipated almost as much as the summer holiday, students mark their calendars and start countdown days of classes until the amazing event arrives. One whole day off from classes and a spectacular fireworks display to remember until the next year's show outshines the previous one (hurray for engineering and mining students that love to blow stuff up), E-Days is a bright spot in many a Mines student's memory. This year, the seventy fifth Anniversar-E of E-Days was greeted with no less enthusiasm than that of the previous seventy four years. But facts are facts. No matter how amazing E-Days is, it is still only one day off from classes to make up for all the holidays that Mines doesn't acknowledge. Groundhog day for instance. So outstanding as E-Days is, do any other schools in Colorado even know it exists? This week, Minds at Mines is away, communicating with students from different campuses around Colorado to see a statewide view of this most exceptional holiday.

"Mines. I was a student there once. Sure I know about E-Days: it's just another way of saying 'lots of beer.' Ahh, good times. Wait. That only happens once a year?"
Stu Dent from CU Boulder

"E-Days. Oh. Don't you mean Geek-E Days? Yeah, I've heard about it. But I don't get it. Aren't you engineering students every day? There appears to be a flaw in the 'Engineering Days' logic. It doesn't make any sense. Unless it's a joke and you all get the Friday of every week off to go blow stuff up and drink beer. In which case, I think I may be attending the wrong educational facility."
Idak Nowe from Colorado State University

"There's no E-Days here. Not even an equivalent activity. I wonder if it could be added to the syllabus? It could be like 'D-Days:' you know, Denver Days? We could always use another day off. Maybe they'd put it right after the labor-day break and we could have the whole week off. Maybe we should petition for a promulgation of D-Days… "
Reles Murt from University of Denver

"What's E-Days? Oh. Really, that much excitement about one day off? I don't understand. It must be an insufficient outdoor time thing. Maybe one of our science students could relate better… And Mines is definitely in Colorado? It seems awfully far away from here. You're sure they're not in Wyoming? They do weird stuff like that there all the time."
Fara Waylear-Ner from Fort Lewis College

"Wow. I've never heard about it, but it does sound like fun. Dynamite and Trebuchet you say? Hmmm. This could definitely be a holiday adopted by the school. Go Mines!"
Artem Ajor from University of Northern Colorado

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Broncos trade whiny, over-sized man-child to Chicago

Matthew Pusard
Cutler is a little *#!@

After a month of drama, controversy, and pouting, the Denver Broncos traded former "Quarterback of the Future" Jay Cutler to Chicago, aka the city where quarterbacks go to die.

For the Pro Bowl quarterback with a rocket arm, surprising mobility, and some obvious ego/self-esteem issues, the Broncos received two first round draft picks, one in 2009 and one in 2010, a 2009 third round pick, and quarterback Kyle Orton.

Said Rex Grossman of Orton, "Even I think the guy sucks."

Added former Broncos General Manager Ted Sundquist, "You make a trade with the Bears, and you get a quarterback in return. That's like going to McDonalds for a salad."

The trade marks the end of a dramatic month which started with head coach Josh McDaniels entertaining offers for Cutler in order to acquire Matt Cassel, his quarterback from New England who excelled in his first year as a starter since high school. Yes, he didn't even start in college. No, seriously, you can look it up.

Cutler responded to the trade rumors by getting upset, refusing to talk to McDaniels or owner Pat Bowlen, and finally demanding to be traded. Some might argue that the Broncos were merely trying to appease Cutler in advance. But most just agree that Cutler's a little [expletive deleted].

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The Cutler trade will give the Broncos two first round draft choices in both 2009 and 2010. This is a perfect complement to all of the older players the team signed on defense, meaning that the Broncos will have 4 high quality players just in time to see all of the old guys retire and have to be replaced. Meanwhile, the offense will be either led by Orton, who brings to the table his amazing neck beard, or Chris Simms, who hasn't played football regularly since 2006 when he was hit so hard, his spleen exploded (also true). Again, Cutler is a little [expletive deleted].

A reporter found Mike Shanahan to ask for his opinion on the trade. Shanahan was unable to voice an opinion as he just cackled hysterically before going back to counting all the money the Broncos just paid him to not coach this season.

When we caught up with Jake Plummer, he was more talkative. "So that's who you gave up on me to get?" said "the Snake" with a sly grin peaking through his mountain man beard. "At least all I did was flip off some fans and date a cheerleader. He destroyed all of your long term plans and gave up on the city. Just let it be known: Jake Plummer led Denver to more playoff appearances and more playoff wins than Jay Cutler. Ironic, right?"

A list of instructions on how take care of Cutler has been forwarded to the Bears. It includes Cutler's contractually-obligated nap times, diaper-changing times, and an explicit warning not to give him candy.

Capital Construction Fee used for something cool

Tim Weilert
Crazy Mad Swimmer

Visitors to last month's ASCSM executive board debates may have been in the room when I asked for each candidate's most ambitious and extreme goals. Each person gave a decent answer. I think Jamie Thorpe and Lisa Truong said something about "getting more people involved in what ASCSM is doing," while Brian Pal wanted to "improve student quality of life." However, only one candidate said what I would actually consider to be a "correct" answer to that question.

> "The way I see it, there are really two problems: not enough parking and too many tickets."

"I want to put a swimming pool in Kafadar!" shouted black-horse candidate Devin Kuffy. Fortunately for CSM students, the radically-minded Kuffy won the recent ASCSM election and has already begun appropriating funds to see the Kafadar pool project through.

"I noticed that there was a lot of money in something called 'Intermodal Something-or-other,' so I just decided to put that money into something actually useful," said Kuffy at a recent ASCSM meeting. Furthermore, Kuffy plans on installing free soft-serve ice cream machines in every building on campus.

Kuffy also plans to do something about the parking problem. "The way I see it, there are really two problems: not enough parking and too many tickets." The plan is to demolish all buildings associated with public safety in order to build more parking spaces. Furthermore, with no formal housing, public safety will effectively be shut down, thus eliminating those pesky parking tickets.

Finally, Kuffy plans to expand E-days to be a three week celebration, beginning on April 1, going through until dead week. In addition to nightly fireworks shows and concerts, the new E-days will also have free cotton candy and pony rides.

Beginning this summer, construction will start on the multi-million dollar Kafadar swimming pool. The project is expected to be completed as soon as the last person from the class of 2012 graduates.

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Editor-in-chief cures illiteracy

Dies defending it three minutes later

Mike Stone
Fool's Gold Editor

Oredigger Editor-in-Chief, Sara Post, cured illiteracy last week after four years of trial and tribulation on the font lines. Around the world, illiteracy is the number one reason why people don't learn good. "Learnin' is important because it helps us deal with big issues like economizing and warfarin'," said Sara in an interview last month. Post has made it her mission to cure the horrible disease that is illiteracy and has climbed the ranks at the Oredigger newspaper to helped the people.

"She's real smart," screamed Copy Editor Zach Boerner, "She helps me with my readin', my hair, and even my people SKILLS! Like just last week, she told me it's not nice to scream at cologne bottles, because they don't know better." Boerner has been helping Post with her work for over a year and already knows the whole ABC's and can order food at the mall.

"What I don't get is why she had to died," cried Managing Editor, Lily Giddings. The frantic Giddings then got up, ran straight into a wall and, knocked herself unconscious. Several hours later Giddings awoke and asked why the door never opens for her.

It is these charming cases that Post dedicated her life to helping in order to prevent the American peoples from becoming too dumb-like. Southerners, Rednecks, and Hollywood sluts are all responsible for the national average of literacy droppin' over the past ten years because it's not important to read no more. You just have to be beautiful and live in Hollywood.

Abdullah Ahmed, Amanda Graninger, and Ryan Browne are all members of the Oredigger Editorial board but were unavailable for comment due to their incarceration in the local looney bin, Starbucks. Luckily, Starbucks has free wi-fi, so they are still able to hold their positions on the board.

So, in this glorious time where illiteracy isn't not no more, we must still be mournful of those who died in its names. After finally discovering the cure, (allowing an entirely Fool's Gold issue of the Oredigger and calling it Golddigger) Sara promptly locked herself in a glass case with three locks and Seth Rogan poured three trash cans full of scorpions, cockroaches, and worms over Sara's body. Supposed to escape, Sara instead talked to the worms. After a few minutes, the scorpion stings was too much and the cockroaches was too scaries for hers and she died.

Here's to Sara. For teachin' the world that readin' is good, not readin' is bad, and scorpions have sumthin called venom and it doesn't feels nice.

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Sara, done deaded after a scorpion stung 'er

Reasons Diamond E-Days Rocked

Mike Stone
E-Days Scholar

10) Great Weather
9) No Trebuchets
8) Green Fireballs
7) Salmon of Capistrano
6) No "Wave Guy" due to pending lawsuit for knocking over old lady last year
5) SCVNGR HUNT is awesome
4) Flobots like cheap beer
3) Free 1 carat diamonds for the E-Days committee
2) "Rocked" is in the past tense and Marie Hornnickel finally gets to sleep
1) No homework…oh, wait….

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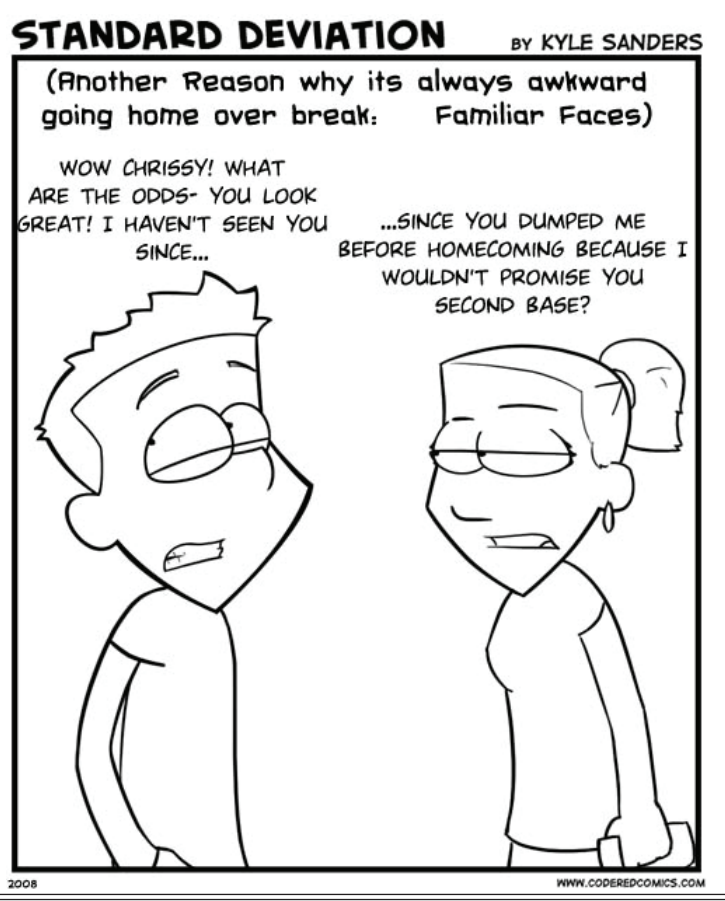

solution

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